

Tribe perfect in senior's finale
In her final home match, standout Megan Moulton-Levy leads College to sweep out Richmond.
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Student designers craft innovative and creative fashions for models from the College.
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Admit pool the most diverse ever

Applications jump nearly 7%, admit rate flat at 33%

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

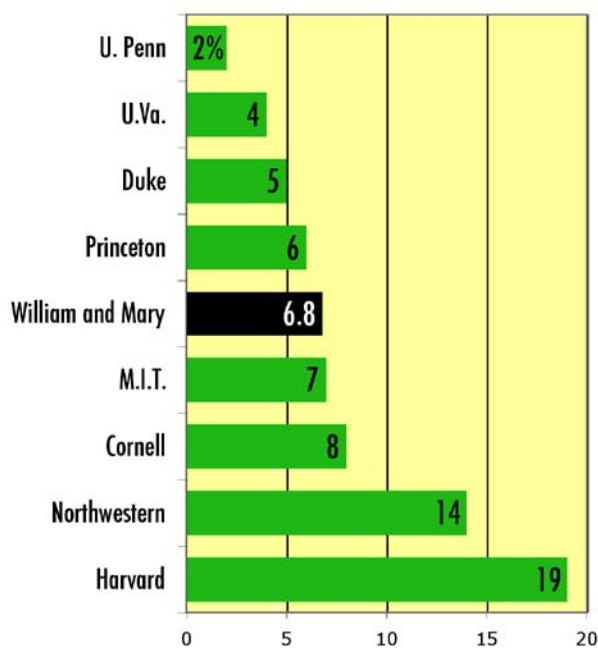
The College Admissions department may have ended a three-year rise in its admission rate, accepting about 33 percent of applicants from its largest and most diverse pool ever, a slight decrease from last year's rate.

The College accepted 3,800 students from 11,622 applicants, and may accept waitlisted applicants this summer.

This year was one of the most competitive ever for American universities, with the number of high school graduates growing every year since the mid 1990s. An accelerated online application process, larger financial aid packages and broader recruiting have also heightened competition among students for spots in the country's top tier universities.

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Growth in Applications from 2007



SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES, COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

City Council candidates face off in historic debate

Six candidates discuss three-person rule

By **NANCY BLANFORD**
The Flat Hat

The six Williamsburg City Council candidates faced off last night in the Great Hall of the Wren Building during an historic debate about student issues. The event was the first city council debate on campus.

Over 100 students listened to the candidates discuss student-related issues, including town-gown relations and public transportation.

"I was excited we could have an open forum," organizer Sarah Rojas '10 said.

The debate allowed students to further differentiate the platforms of all six candidates. The candidates are Matt Beato '09, incumbent Paul Freiling '83, former Mayor Gil Granger '57, Vice Mayor and economics Professor Clyde Haulman, Swem volunteer Judy Knudson and real estate broker Terence Wehle '77.

Candidates were asked to characterize their view of the relationship between College students and city residents. Each candidate described Williamsburg as a unique city that has to balance student, resident and the needs of low-income worker.

"Relations between students and the community



NANCY BLANFORD — THE FLAT HAT

The six candidates for Williamsburg City Council debated last night in the Great Hall of Wren.

ebb and flows over the years," Haulman said. "In the future, we need to strengthen [relations]."

Wehle agreed.

"There has been a little bit of friction. I think these things should be worked out," he said.

Freiling alluded to the College's long history of discontent with city residents.

"Some things don't change, but they do get better," he said.

The debate moved on to the three-person rule, which bans more than three unrelated people from living together. The candidates unanimously agreed that changes were needed.

"We would rather make exceptions to the three-

person rule beforehand rather than after students have broken it," Knudson said.

Granger held pictures of variously sized homes. "These houses are not the same," he said. "You have to use your judgment."

Beato addressed his status as a student.

"The median age of a Williamsburg resident is 22. The median age of Williamsburg City Council members is much higher than that," he said. "All people need to be represented at the table."

Student organizers agreed that the debate was a victory for students.

"The debate was more successful than we could have ever hoped for," Rojas said.

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

Reveley won't sign PCC, has own plan

Interim president to reveal plan on Earth Day

By **CHASE JOHNSON**
Flat Hat Senior Staff Writer

Interim College President Taylor Reveley will announce a new campus sustainability plan April 22, Earth Day, but he does not plan to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

"It's crucial that we do as much as we can in the areas that subsume sustainability," Reveley

said. "I think this plan is a pretty significant statement of what we intend to do."

"I'm not particularly enthusiastic about [the PCC]," he said. "It's not realistic in what it sets out. At some point we may sign it, but not now."

The PCC was at the center of a proposal presented to former College President Gene Nichol one year ago by government and environmental studies professor Maria Ivanova and her graduate seminar on environmental policy. The proposal calls for the College to become carbon neutral by 2020 through a va-



Reveley

riety of energy conservation methods.

The College, though, has been wary to sign.

"The PCC is a document that is intended to drive people to concrete action, but I'm not sure all the goals are attainable," Vice President for Administration Anna Martin said. "Signing it would be making promises we aren't sure we can keep."

Martin, however, does support achieving improved sustainability on campus.

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Prof helped write Kosovo's constitution

Warren advised the war-torn nation on their constitution, which was signed Monday

By **ANNE FOSTER**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Law professor Christie Warren and Ryan Igbanol J.D. '07 spent the last several months in Kosovo helping to draft the newly independent nation's constitution.

Kosovo, formerly a province of the Eastern European state of Serbia, declared its independence Feb. 17. Kosovo's declaration of independence marks the culmination of decades of ethnic conflict between the Albanians of Kosovo and the Serbs of Serbia. Independent Kosovo is a state with a 95 percent Albanian majority and a 5 percent Serbian minority.

The constitution-drafting process began in March 2007 when a report from Finland's former President Martti Ahtisaari to the United Nations Security Council recommended "supervised independence."

Part of the transition to independence included the drafting of a new constitution.

"That month, I was asked by the U. S. State Department and [the U.S. Agency for International Development] to serve as an advisor to the Kosovo constitutional working group," Warren said.

Warren and other foreign advisors did not work directly on the drafting of the constitution, but rather served as advisors to the drafters.

"Our job was to assist them by conducting wide-

-ranging comparative constitutional research, presenting a spectrum of options and, when we were asked, making recommendations about the issues the drafting commission was dealing with," Warren said. "We wanted to make available to them lessons learned during other constitution-drafting exercises so they could make the most informed choices possible."

This Monday, Warren witnessed the signing of the constitution.

Warren, however, was not the only College representative at the signing. Igbanol, who is currently working toward his Masters of Law at the University of London, was also present. He worked as the legislative history coordinator for the drafting process.

"My main responsibility was to track and document the constitution-drafting process," Igbanol said.

Much has changed in the months since Kosovo's declaration of independence and the signing of its constitution.

"During the past year it was very tense and uncertain since no one knew what the status of Kosovo was or would become," Warren said.

Warren believes that the Kosovo constitution addresses the issue of the conflicting ethnicities. She added that in the constitution, "minority communities are entitled to equitable representation in employment."

Warren and Igbanol's work in Kosovo builds on their past experience in international law. The Kosovo constitution was Warren's first experience working on a drafting process. However, she has worked in international law for 12 years and in 30 countries.

Igbanol has been interested in law and Eastern Europe ever since he attended the College.

Now that her work in Kosovo is complete, Warren will continue to teach at the law school and plans on incorporating her work in Kosovo into her curriculum.

"I believe it is critically important for law students to be aware of and familiar with legal systems other than their own," Warren said.



COURTESY PHOTO — CHRISTIE WARREN

Law Professor Christie Warren stands in front of a bullet-ridden wall at the former home of Kosovar freedom fighter Adem Jashari in Kosovo.

Details released in Seve case

Sophomore gave police false identification

By **MAXIM LOTT**
Flat Hat News Editor

Andrew Seve '10 turned himself in to the Williamsburg City Police Department late Friday afternoon. He was wanted with charges of false identity, driving on a suspended license and possession of alcohol, Williamsburg Deputy Police Chief Dave Sloggie revealed.

The incident took place at the 100 block of Griffin Avenue, near Jamestown Road, at 3:05 a.m. March 30. Seve abandoned his vehicle and ran away from police when they told him that he would be taken into custody for identity charges.

Last week, several attempts were made to apprehend Seve. The first took place April 2 at the Wren 10 performance of The Stairwells, an a cappella group of which Seve is a member.

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Corrections

In last Friday's news article "Police pursue student," The Flat Hat printed Jenise Lacks' '11 name incorrectly.


Weather

Friday




High 82°
Low 66°

Saturday



High 78°
Low 54°

Sunday



High 67°
Low 47°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“I would not hesitate, in this case where he was taking off running from us, to go to all of his classes.”

— Williamsburg Deputy Police Chief Dave Sloggie on the Seve arrest

See SEVE page 1

News in Brief

Housing Authority director charged with embezzlement

Former Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority Director Janice Lynne Hillman has been charged by police with embezzlement. Hillman allegedly charged approximately \$1,000 in personal purchases to a WRHA credit card last August and September, according to Williamsburg Deputy Police Chief Dave Sloggie.

The WHRA fired Hillman in October after a disagreement with the city over the agency's purchase of the Tioga Motel on Richmond Road. The property was bulldozed several months ago and is now for sale.

Hillman told the Daily Press the embezzlement charge is “absolutely asinine” and that she had offered to reimburse the WRHA last fall.

Embezzlement carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Gov. Kaine signs bills in response to Va. Tech shootings

Gov. Tim Kaine signed 26 General Assembly bills written in response to last year's shootings at Virginia Tech. The bills mainly focus on campus safety and treatment of people with mental illnesses.

“The Virginia Tech tragedy reminded us that we must address the mental health needs of those in our family, among our friends and in our community,” Kaine said in a press release. “Working with members of the General Assembly, we will make significant investments in our mental health system and the bills before me today will establish standards for the system and increase accountability.”

The Omnibus Mental Health bills address commitment criteria for mental patients, the issuance of emergency custody and commitment orders, and disclosure of health information.

— by Alex Guillén

By the Numbers

40 percent

The proportion of Americans who did not read any type of book over the span of a year, according to the National Endowment for the Arts.

12 cents an hour

Football player Michael Vick's wage in prison, where he washes pots and pans, according to the New York Daily News.

98 percent

The proportion of historians who characterize the Bush Administration as a “failure,” according to an informal poll conducted by the History News Network.

3.5 million

The number of jobs that could be replaced by robots in Japan by the year 2025, according to the Machine Industry Memorial Foundation.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA.ORG
Eastern Michigan University's on-campus dormitories, named the Towers.

Ex-student found guilty of murder

Eastern Michigan University student convicted Monday

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Assoc. Insight Editor

Monday, April 7, Orange Taylor II was found guilty of the December 2006 murder of fellow Eastern Michigan University student Laura Dickinson. He was also convicted of assault with the intent to commit sexual penetration. The verdict carries with it a mandatory life sentence without parole.

A janitor found Laura Dickinson, a 22-year-old nutrition major, dead and partially naked in her dorm room in 2006. Taylor's first trial last fall ended in a hung jury. After his lawyers argued that Dickinson had died of natural causes and neither side called any witnesses to the stand. For the second trial, the prosecution was prepared with 30 witnesses and 200 exhibits of evidence. The defense had no witnesses and one exhibit.

The jury returned the verdict after four hours of deliberation.

According to the April 8 edition of the Associated Press, Taylor's brother Genaro Cofield said in response to the jury's decision: "We hope the Dickinson family can have some closure. This is a tragic day for both families." Taylor's family plans to appeal the verdict.

"We're very disappointed. We still believe that [Taylor] did not kill Laura Dickinson," Cofield said.


The case led the U.S. Department of Education to fine EMU \$357,500 after school officials issued misleading statements in an effort to cover up Dickinson's death. The university did not tell the Dickinson family or the EMU community that she had been murdered until Taylor was arrested 10 weeks after her body was found. In the meantime, the university told the public that Dickinson had died in a "freak accident." The scandal led to national news coverage and the removal of EMU President John Fallon, Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Vick and Public Safety Director Cindy Hall. EMU also paid the Dickinson family \$2.5 million in a settlement.

Some EMU students believe that the crime has resulted in some positive changes on campus. There has been increased communication between campus security and community members, as well as increased awareness of the campus safety escort service.

"I think everything changed when things first started coming out... As a consequence, we started to become more secure here," Computer science Professor Zenia Bahorski said in an interview with the Ann Harbor News. "We were walking around in a false sense of security [before]."


STREET BEAT

Who would you like to see in the Class of 2012?




Very unique and special people.

Sabina Abdulleava '11




Students with good oral hygiene.

Teresa Kim '11



Less awkward people.

Hunter Faulkner '10 and Shirin Wertime '10



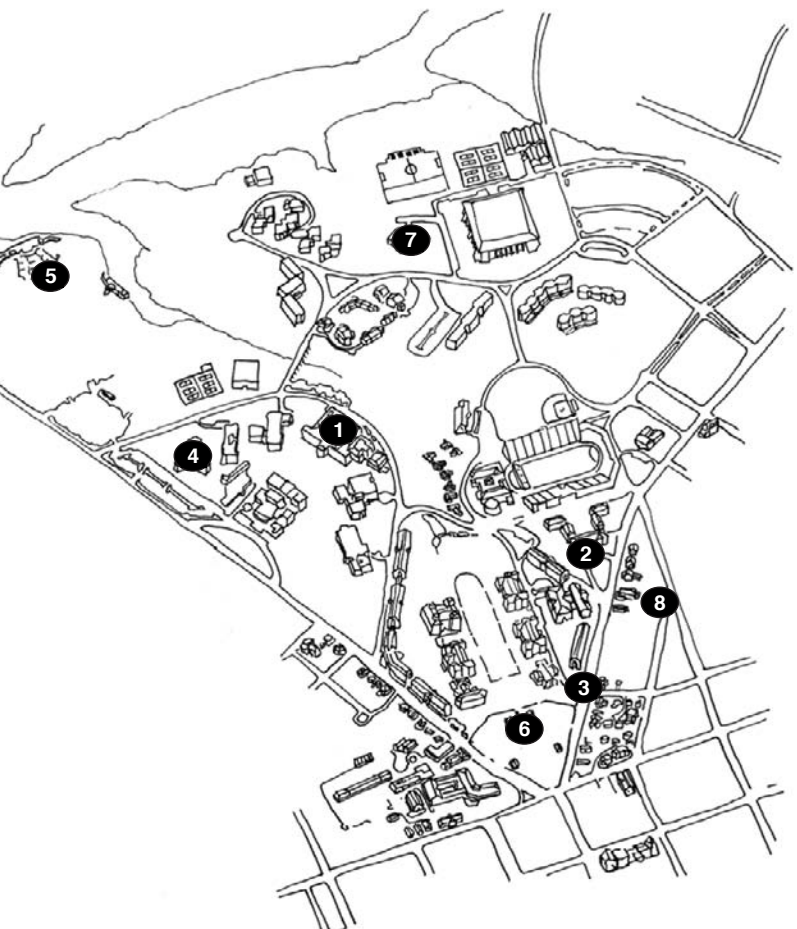
I would like to see more diversity.

J.B. Akbar '11

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddam

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

April 1 to April 8



Tuesday, April 1 — A student reported damage to his car, which was parked outside Swem. The estimated damage is \$500. 1

— A student living in the Bryan Complex reported that someone had accessed her Facebook and Gmail accounts, changed the passwords and posted comments on the Facebook account. 2

Wednesday, April 2 — A 22-year-old non-student was arrested off Richmond Road for allegedly driving under the influence and refusing to submit to a breathalyzer test. 3

— A student reported that his laptop was stolen from Morton Hall. Its estimated value is \$1,500. 4

— A 22-year-old student was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public near the Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. 5

— A student reported her green Diamondback Outlaw bike was stolen from outside the Wren Building. Its estimated value is \$50. 6

Friday, April 4 — An Aramark employee reported seeing two subjects in the refrigerator of the Commons after hours. Police officers searched the entire building, but the subjects were not found. It is unknown if any items are missing. 7

— A student reported his watch was stolen from his vehicle parked outside of Swem. Its estimated value is \$3,650. 1

Saturday, April 5 — A witness reported that two fire extinguishers were thrown out of a car as it drove by Mama Mia's restaurant. Only one fire extinguisher was recovered. It was verified as property of the College, stolen from the Campus Center. The estimated value of both extinguishers is \$150. 8

— compiled by Maggie Reeb

This week in Flat Hat history

1916

A petition against the Board of Visitors' decision to build a new dorm circulated among students at the College. Instead of off campus, students wanted the new dormitory to be built across from the library.

1943

Professor Thorne of the Fine Arts department offered a class for thirty students in the basement of the Wren Building entitled Camouflage. Students were required to camouflage themselves and make their way from Lake Matoaka to an academic building without being spotted by sentries stationed in the woods.

1965

Over 500 athletes from high schools and colleges, including Wake Forest University and Old Dominion University, participated in the third annual Colonial Relays in Williamsburg. Events included a three-mile run and 300-meter steeplechase.

1992

Non-student Michael Carter was arrested after allegedly breaking into a room in the Ludwell Apartments occupied by two female students. This was one of several break-ins reported in the complex throughout the scholastic year. In response, the College decided to improve the locks and post a security guard outside the apartments for the rest of the semester.

— compiled by Maggie Reeb

SA inaugurates new elected members

By NARISSA DALLA and MARY BELLINI
The Flat Hat

The 2008 Student Assembly Inauguration took place Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Wren Chapel.

The Chair of the Elections Commission, Jennifer Souers '10, began the celebration by reading the agenda. Chief Justice of the SA Review Board Billy Mutell '09 then called the inductees by class to the front to be sworn in. After taking the oaths of office, Interim College President Taylor Reveley commended the newly elected members of the SA for, "passing the first test of elected leadership."

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler then expressed how grateful he was to all the SA members who made the choice to become active in the community, and he advised the students to keep listening to their peers.

After Sadler spoke, President-Elect Valerie Hopkins '09 and Vice President-Elect Zach Pilchen '09 highlighted monumental aspects of the year and reminded the SA of it's mission: listening to fellow students and alleviating their issues. Souers then closed the ceremony by first recognizing the Class of 2008 officers and congratulating the new members on their wins.

Later that night, Pilchen presided over his first meeting of the 316th SA Senate. James City County participating team member Tom Fitzpatrick encouraged senators to get students involved with the upcoming JCC Comprehensive Plan meetings. The plan, which sets county policy, is updated every five years. The plan led to the creation of New Town and bus lines from the College to shopping areas.

The election of secretary of the senate began with the nomination of Sen. Caroline Mullis '09 by Sen. Michael Douglass '11. Four other senators received nominations but did not accept, leaving Mullis unopposed. Mullis said that the job would help keep her focused. She was confirmed by unanimous vote.

For the position of chair of the senate, Sen. Walter McClean '09 ran againsts former Secretary of the Senate Sarah Rojas '10. McClean was re-elected by an 8-5 vote.

Three bills were then introduced to the SA. Mullis presented the Matt Beato Appreciation Bill, Douglass introduced the Sentara Health Act and Rojas introduced a bill calling for a new van for Steer Clear.

Reveley to announce sustainability plan

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"You will have people who feel it's intellectually dishonest to sign, but who think that we can achieve the same impetus without signing it," she said. "I believe we can make it happen [with the forthcoming plan]."

Reveley said part of the College's new plan includes the creation of a sustainability committee to take over the work of the current Landscape, Energy and Environment Committee.

Reveley also stressed a desire to focus first on what he called "low-hanging fruit."

"The PCC is mostly aspirational," he said. "We actually want to accomplish things, starting with the low-hanging fruit — things that we have the money to do now. We want to build credibility and momentum so that we can look into getting outside funding to continue with bigger projects."

One of the PCC proposal's chief goals is the establishment of a sustainability coordinator on campus.

"We're already doing more for sustainability than so many schools, but we're not taking credit for it," Ivanova said. "There is no director for a sustainability move-

ment — no governance structure to connect the projects, present them and build upon them."

This, Ivanova said, is one reason the College received a D-minus last fall for its sustainability policy.

Both Reveley and Martin were hesitant about the idea of creating an administrative position to address the issue.

"I want to start with the committee rather than hiring another administrator," Reveley said. "I want to see the money we do have used to address the low-hanging fruit. In the fullness of time, I wouldn't be surprised to see one hired."

Martin agreed that the College would likely create a similar position in the future.

"I think that will happen over

time, but it would be tough given the budget we have," she said.

Ivanova spoke to the financial concerns by citing the 85 percent of students who voted in favor of the recent Green Fees referendum.

"If they are having trouble financially, they should encourage the BOV to pass the Green Fees initiative," Ivanova said. "The students are putting their money where their mouth is. It is the strongest signal the administration could possibly get that students are in favor of this movement."

The proposed change, which the Board of Visitors will vote on next week, would add a \$15 tuition fee per semester for sustainability.

Both Reveley and Martin expressed support for the fee. Neither, however, seemed sure that it would pass.

BOV member Henry Wolf '64 J.D. '66, chair of the Committee on Financial Affairs, said the survey results would be taken into account, although he could not speak for the whole board.

"To the extent that students took their belief that 'we as students are willing to put our money up to support making the campus more environmentally sensitive' is a very good and very positive thing, and I think that will echo well with the board," Wolf said.

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Seve arrested on fake ID charge

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Police entered Seve’s economics class during an exam April 3 and compared a picture of Seve to students’ faces in an attempt to identify Seve, who was not in attendance that day. That night, police also showed up to a UCAB Homebrew event at which Seve was performing, but Seve had left by the time the police arrived.

Sloggie said that since Seve evaded police, the police department’s actions were necessary .

“I would not hesitate, in this case, where he was taking off running from us, to go to all of his

classes,” Sloggie said. Sloggie said that he did not consider Seve a threat to anyone.

College spokesperson Brian Whitson said police had tried more discreet methods for several days before going to classes and events.

“This is not typically how these kinds of cases are handled,” Whitson said. “Generally, if a student was wanted on a warrant from another jurisdiction, [the William and Mary Police Department] would serve it and do it as discreetly as possible.”

Whitson added there should be discussion about what is appropriate in a situation such as this.

“We understand why some might be concerned by the disruption in class, especially during a test,” he said. “I think it’s something [we] will discuss because we do want to make sure there is minimal disruption to the classroom where possible.”

ONLINE:
Debates on Palestine conflict
Experts spar over solutions in Palestine while a noted historian says that Islam is a violent religion.
Online at FlatHatNews.com

College pleased with admissions

ADMISSIONS from page 1

Despite this growth in national application numbers — and a record number of applicants — the College’s acceptance rate declined only slightly from this time last year, going from 32.9 to 32.7 percent. By last fall, the acceptance rate had risen to 34 percent, as wait-listed students were accepted.

College admissions officials said they were pleased with the admittance rate.

Granger noted that the national trend to eliminate early action programs may have drawn more applicants to the College. Granger also said that many of the country’s universities have used their large financial resources to become more competitive.

He noted that almost all of the College’s financial aid is need-based, and that its financial resources cannot compete for many students against universities with billion-dollar endowments.

The College expects to enroll 1,350 of the admit-

ted students. This expected yield rate of 35.5 percent is a decrease from last year’s rate of 37 percent.

Dean of Admissions Henry Broaddus said that this year’s applicant pool is one of the strongest and most diverse ever. The College admitted 1,207 students of color, up 16.7 percent from last year’s 938.

Broaddus also said the pool reflected a diversity of experience that would benefit the College’s academic climate.

“This is a diverse group that not only brings a range of experiences and background to campus but some of the strongest academic credentials we’ve ever seen,” he said.

The mid 50th SAT percentile for the admitted group was 1310–1470, the same as last year’s pool.

According to Granger and Broaddus, the class of 2012 boasts a Christmas tree farmer, a mandolin player and a girl who changed the color of her field hockey team’s jerseys to pink in support of breast cancer research.

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Therefore we are submitting this Declaration Against Genocide to student governments, to campus human rights organizations, to Muslim Students Associations and to individuals in the academic community, to join us in drawing a collective line in the sand against barbarism and to declare ourselves for civilization and hope.

THE DECLARATION

Whereas genocide – the murder, or plan to murder, an entire people – is a crime against all humanity; Whereas genocide is a crime that has metastasized in the modern era, leading to the murders of millions of Armenians, Cambodians, Tutsis, Sudanese, Bosnian Muslims and others; Whereas the largest and most devastating genocide on record is the Holocaust of European Jews; Whereas a new genocide of the Jews is being called for by Islamic leaders in the Middle East; Whereas global forces are being mobilized by the Iranian regime to eliminate the Jewish state; Whereas the genocide of the Jews is called for in texts understood by some Muslims as authoritative and echoes through sermons in some mosques today, and is proclaimed by certain leaders of the Islamic religion; Whereas Catholicism and other Christian denominations have condemned the Holocaust and repudiated anti-Jewish pronouncements that have stained their religious past;

We call on all Student Governments and campus Muslim groups to:

- 1. Condemn and repudiate the Hadith which reads:**
“Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him.” Sahih Muslim book 41, no. 6985
- 2. Condemn and repudiate the Hamas Charter which says:**
“Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.”
- 3. Condemn Ahmadinejad who has said:**
“The accomplishment of a world without America and Israel is both possible and feasible.”
- 4. Condemn Hezbollah and its leader Hassan Nasrallah who has said:**
"The Jews are a cancer which is liable to spread again at any moment."
"There is no solution to the conflict except with the disappearance of Israel."
“If they all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.”
- 5. Affirm:**
 - * The right of all people to live in freedom and dignity.
 - * The freedom of the individual conscience: to change religions or have no religion at all.
 - * The equal dignity of women and men.
 - * The right of all people to live free from violence, intimidation, and coercion.

We call upon all campus political, cultural, ethnic and religious groups to stand with us in opposing all forms of religious supremacism, violence and intimidation.

For more information please contact Jeff at tapcoordinator@gmail.com

Terrorism Awareness Project

Sign the Declaration now at www.terrorismawareness.org



STAFF EDITORIALS

Admit rate disappoints

The latest admissions statistics are in, and while the College has performed admirably in some areas, it has yet to improve in others. Our admissions statistics show that we have the potential for one of the most diverse and talented classes in the College’s history, but despite that, we’re failing to move forward in other areas.

The Class of 2011 could become the College’s most racially diverse entering class ever. The data show that students of color make up some 1,200 of the 3,800 accepted, a statistic that shows the College has taken significant steps in the right direction. But when viewed alongside the rest of the data, that accomplishment fails to make this a sensational round of admissions.

After a period of growing selectivity, acceptance rates have hit a plateau around 33 percent, and SAT scores have fared no better. The 50th and 75th percentiles continue to fall between the low 1300s and middle 1400s. Metrics like that certainly place us in the uppermost echelons of American higher education, but at these levels the competition is fiercest. Swings of a few percent can turn a record year into a disappointment. In this regard, the College has neither fallen back nor advanced — we have entered a holding pattern.

This year’s 7 percent jump in applications places us ahead of many peer schools and should give cause for excitement, however. More students applied last fall than ever before. Intuitively, a larger applicant pool should allow higher selectivity. But selectivity — the admit rate — remained static. By anticipating that fewer students will matriculate in the fall, the admissions staff bet against the College. In essence, they’re not expecting as many high schoolers to find the College as attractive as their other options.

For years, the College has prided itself on its ability to provide an Ivy League education at a public school price. As more schools introduce financial aid programs for upper-middle-class families, our meager endowment leaves us struggling to compete. Wealthier schools can afford to support more financially able groups that the College simply does not possess the means to help.

It’s all the more reason to focus on building our funds for the future — funds that would bolster financial aid and make us more attractive to potential applicants.

City hears student voice

Students can forget the presidential hopefuls for a moment. In Williamsburg, the great debate of 2008 occurred last night — right here on campus.

For too long, the student and residential population have stood on either side of a yawning chasm, each group unable to bridge the divide — though not for lack of trying. Last night’s debate proves that students have become a constituency worth courting. In turn, we hope students will reach out to the city to strengthen a discussion that will continue long after May’s elections.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In defense of the ThinkPad To the Editor:

I was extremely disappointed in the column regarding our ThinkPads, “IBM Stinkpads” — not only in the way it was written, but also in one of the key pieces of evidence that points out why the columnist had bad internet access on trains.

Really? I realize that we have all become accustomed to instant actualization of the internet. I remember when I brought my computer on my first trip to New Town and while waiting for the bus at Target, I turned it on, magically expecting the internet browser to appear. But it did not, because we can’t get internet everywhere — like on trains.

Are we really so stuck up and entitled that we feel that it’s important to have internet access on a seven-hour train ride? It’s a seven-hour train ride! You can do without news, without Facebook,

without YouTube for seven hours. You could watch DVDs, peruse newspapers or listen to music.

I don’t know why this one piece of evidence so unnecessarily irritated me, but it did. Maybe it’s because the writer sounds so entitled and pretentious.

I could imagine making a fuss if our computers didn’t get access on campus, but this was a train ride. You might as well bitch that we don’t get internet access riding home in our cars.

I was disappointed in the column. I was disappointed that she deemed her lack of internet access (on the train) as a “major laptop problem.” So please, the next time you run a column bemoaning a deficiency in our poor, poor college lives, the best you could do is use a better centerpiece of evidence than lack of internet access on trains.

— Ryan Uyehara ’10

Some Secret Societies on Campus You Might Not Have Heard Of

The Bishop Steve Madison Society
Honors the life and legacy of Steve Madison, the Bishop James’ younger brother, by doing absolutely nothing memorable or noteworthy.



The Ones
Actually just some guy.

(PLEASE INDUCT ME)



THE Society
No, not The Society, THE Society— You have to know what I’m talking about. THE Society. Come on.



BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Questioning gender bends College

Devan Barber
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Why do people on this campus choose such bizarre events to get upset about?

We are facing economic depression, an ongoing war halfway across the world and an historic presidential race, and yet people take time out of their day to worry about guys wearing skirts? GenderBending Day, which took place yesterday, was, apparently, something to get worked up about — flyers were torn down and vandalized, the event was mocked and some even took offense at its mere presence.

While I wasn’t involved in planning the event (and, I confess, did not participate), the premise of GenderBending Day seems clear. Students were encouraged to dress in a way that exposed typical conceptions of gender, either by cross-dressing or deviating from their typical feminine or masculine style. Essentially, the students in this group wanted to address the difference between sex and gender and encourage people to think critically about how our culture enforces a female versus male binary. Basically: Why do we claim that gender roles are somehow naturally and inextricably tied to sex?

GenderBending Day, as you can imagine, did not see wide involvement. That’s not to say that the event wasn’t successful — it certainly sparked discussion, and the students who did participate had great experiences. I’m sure it was no surprise to the group that most students on campus were either too busy to remember the event in the first place or too uncomfortable with its premise. The negative responses from some individuals, however, were somewhat shocking. Sure, GenderBending Day isn’t everyone’s cup of tea, but did people really have to have a big problem with it?

The event’s flyers were continually taken down and vandalized. As president of Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood, I can attest to the disappearance and vandalism

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of flyers with a so-called “controversial” message, and hearing about this group’s similar encounters was extremely frustrating. Moreover, because this event was sponsored through a Women’s Studies course and not a student organization, the small group of students had limited resources with which to address these actions. But really, it shouldn’t be a problem to begin with. To see a flyer that says, “Cross-Dress on April 9,” and respond by writing “No,” or tearing down the flyer and ripping it up, is simply childish. And, frankly, puzzling.

The purpose of this event — and all the Women’s Studies activist projects taking place this semester — is to bring otherwise obscured issues to the table. GenderBending Day was about getting people to think. Why does it make us uncomfortable to see a man wearing a skirt? Is an otherwise conventionally attractive woman still sexually desirable if she wears traditionally masculine clothing? These are interesting and important questions to ask ourselves, and there are countless responses and reactions among students on this campus. Maybe the most pressing question GenderBending Day raised, perhaps without intention, is “Why are we so deathly terrified of examining gender?”

More than just this specific event, though, the inappropriate negative reactions to GenderBending Day speak to a larger problem on this campus. We should be actively challenging each other’s ideas and critically evaluating ideologies — these abilities form the basic foundation of a liberal arts education. However, the impetus should never be to prevent that debate entirely. This stunting of intellectual exchange comes from all sides, too — from the people who tried to prevent the Sex Workers’ Art Show from receiving equal funding to the individuals who vandalize issues of The Virginia Informer.

You may believe that the Sex Workers’ Art Show is filth, you may see the Informer as “Nested Comfortably In the Asscrack of Journalism,” or you may find GenderBending Day pointless or repulsive. I’ll leave my opinion on these issues to the imagination, but I will say unyieldingly that each has a right to have its perspective heard.

Devan Barber is a senior at the College.

Surreptitious societies not a secret worth keeping

Dan Piepenbring
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



“I just finished reading an article about secret societies,” said a student outside Swem Tuesday. “And now I really want to be in one.”

He was speaking, of course, about “Peeking Into Closed Societies,” The Flat Hat’s recent feature on all things furtive at the College. I was eavesdropping on him, just as those clandestine men and women of the night are eavesdropping on all of us, all the time, everywhere. Or so they’d have us believe.

As a freshman, I would’ve committed many a felony to infiltrate the ranks of a secret society. Young, impressionable and even less able to grow facial hair than I am now, I believed that members of these sub-rosa organizations were among the elect. These, I thought, were campus puppeteers, pulling strings from above

and making things come to life.

Turns out they’re just regular people, though. Sometimes they bake cookies or adorn umbrellas with their logos. Almost four years later, they haven’t lived up to the hype I gave them.

Those who oppose fraternities and sororities, for instance, often claim that such groups exist purely to exclude other people. They say Greek life indulges our twin social urges: to identify with a group while setting ourselves apart from the masses.

If that’s true, then secret societies address only the latter urge, placing an even greater emphasis on exclusivity.

Most campus groups market themselves through positivism. They are known for what they do. Secret societies, however, embrace negativism — they thrill and entice because of what they are not, what they don’t do.

Consider the fact that, at least at the College, many of these societies are awedonly masculine. According to Tuesday’s article, at least two of the factions consist entirely of men, with

others suspected to be male-only. The Alphas, in fact, formed as an all-female group just to mix things up a little bit.

Thus, secret societies have a habit of catering to stereotypical machismo. They propagate the idea of a good old boys’ club — smarmy white guys plotting world domination in their spare time.

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Cuban cigars, belly laughs, maps freckled with color-coded thumbtacks. You know the drill. Imagine the adrenaline rush of their veiled meetings and it’s easy to see the appeal. For some reason, doing anything surreptitiously makes it feel about 10 times more important.

It’s tempting to say that this is all in good fun, but by all appearances the

societies take themselves very seriously. Their names — Bishop James Madison Society, the Sevens, and especially the Society — are portentous and solemn. With their elaborate crests and Latinate slogans, they boast a love of ritualism, an inborn respect for tradition.

As The Flat Hat noted, the Sevens hung a banner to “express condolences” in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shootings. Gosh, thanks, guys. The earnest grieving of our community wasn’t enough. We really needed to hear it from you.

Beyond secrecy itself, though, there’s no motive for their hush-hush proceedings. They’re not communist sympathizers in the era of McCarthyism. They’re not oppressed schemers in a fascist police state. They’re just liberal arts students — students who, as you or I might, get a kick out of concealment for its own sake.

Why should we glorify them? After all, wouldn’t a truly secret society aspire to utter invisibility? If these groups were secrets in the strictest sense of

the word, no one would know of their existence. They would have no names, no need for crowns and daggers. But such anonymity would drive them mad. They want the campus abuzz. They crave our speculation.

The meek, philanthropic face of such clans is, as I see it, a facade, a weak claim to legitimacy so they can keep doing what they do best: priding themselves on knowing something we don’t.

Of course, even as I write this, I worry about the potential consequences. What if I was on the verge of an invitation? What if, through some powerful underground connections, a secret society could have scored me a great job in the midst of our economic recession? Am I missing out on something?

If you don’t see me in these pages next week, you’ll know why. Some cadre of elites has sent their covert ops squad to abduct me. Greater forces have stifled my voice. Please, show your support. Send help. Anything but cookies.

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PHOTOS BY JACK HOHMAN AND MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Models practice walking the runway in preparation for the Cobblestone Couture fashion show, scheduled today at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Commonwealth.

Cobblestone Couture showcases student fashions, models and designers

By JESSICA GOLD
Flat Hat Assoc. Variety Editor

Though the show is called Cobblestone Couture, the audience won’t find any models on Dog Street.

Instead, the third annual show, hosted by the Cobblestone Couture Fashion Club, will be held in the University Center Commonwealth Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. to showcase the fashions of five student designers.

“The show is basically run by students and features student models, designers and students interested in advertising,” Co-president Lana Shahmoradian ’08 said. “It’s a big show by students interested in all aspects of the fashion industry.”

The club was founded two years ago by Elizabeth Moore ’07, who, according to Co-president Schuyler Lolly ’09, wanted to give students an opportunity to showcase their designs and celebrate their artistry.

Shahmoradian agreed that the show was created not only to provide an outlet for student creativity, but also to send a message to those outside of the College.

“We’re trying to show that there is a fashion scene here, even though it’s not that loud,” she said. “I heard from somewhere that William and Mary got listed as one of the least fashionable schools, or that people here are the least involved in making an effort to look good. We want to convey the message that we have students interested in fashion; we’re not just a bunch of nerds.”

As part of the effort to express creativity, the club will also be hosting an after-party in Lodge 1 immediately following the show. The after-party is a new concept for the club this year and will function as a meet-and-greet for the public with the models and designers.

“There will be a DJ and a bar, and people can talk to the designers about their

lines,” designer Katie Moore ’11 said.

Also new this year, the club will host a clothing drive for local charities. In lieu of an admission fee, Cobblestone Couture requests that guests bring at least five pieces of clothing to donate.

“Through the clothing drive, Cobblestone Couture hopes to not only gather the public to support a student effort, but a community one as well,” Lolly said.

The club reached out to the community outside of the College by teaming up with Binns Fashion Shop and assisting them with their fashion show. In return, Binns sponsored a full-page ad in the local newspaper promoting Cobblestone Couture.

Many of the designers also went beyond Williamsburg to search for materials and inspiration for their designs.

“Almost all of my fabric I got over spring break in New York,” Moore said. “Each piece is inspired by something completely different, from paper boys to glitter-grunge to Japan. I tried to keep it unified by the idea of making clothes that were classy but with an edge.”

Other designers, such as Nazrin Robertson ’08, also found materials from shops in New York. She used vintage ’60s and ’70s material found in an old store in her hometown and other fabrics handed down from family members. Her line comprises 10 dresses, mostly casual, which she described as slightly bohemian and all made for real women.

While not all the designers’ clothing lines have a specific theme, Shahmoradian’s fashion collection, called Heavy Metal Unicorns, takes just such an approach.

“It’s the same from last year, sort of punkish 80s and flashy and metallic, but it is also feminine, as in feminine colors,” Shahmoradian said. “I love the design process actually — I like just sitting and listening to music and coming up with

crazy ideas. The tedious part is actually making it.”

Although some of the designers are veterans of the show, this will be the first year for others. Ariel Huberts ’09 was a model in last year’s show, but this year she decided to design her own line of clothing.

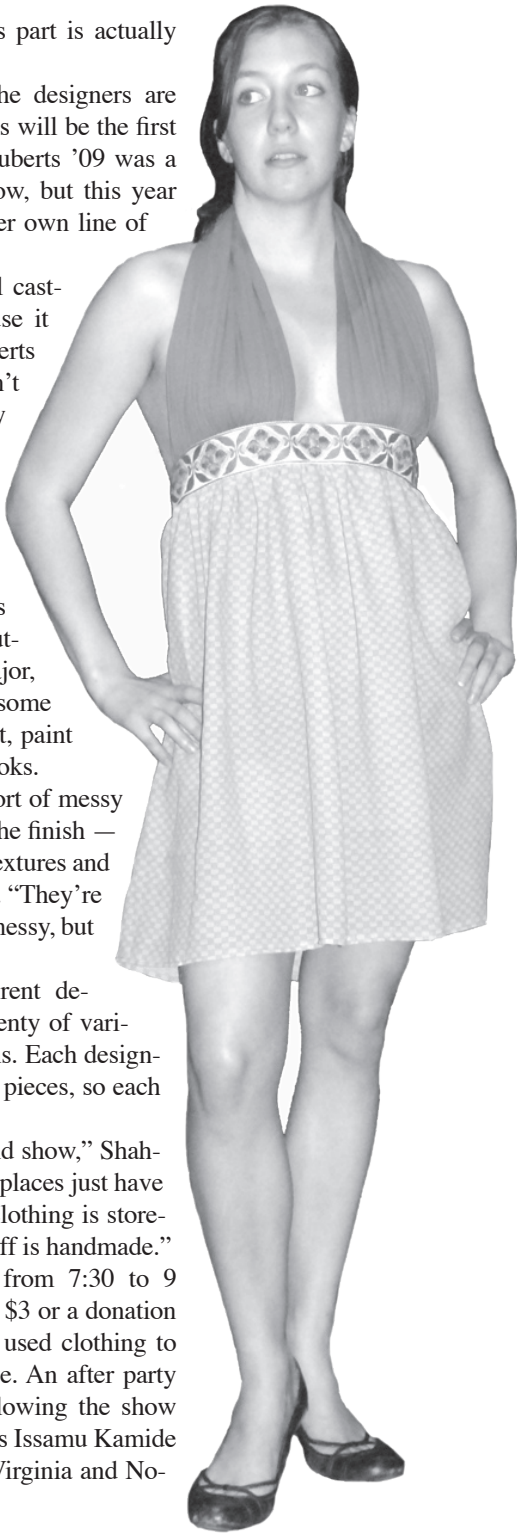
“I went to the model casting call last year because it sounded like fun,” Huberts said. “What girl doesn’t want to be a runway model?”

Despite being a novice at design and construction, she will present eight outfits tonight, including dresses, skirts and one menswear outfit. As an art history major, she tried to incorporate some of her inspirations — art, paint and colors — into her looks.

“[My collection] is sort of messy and artsy, less focus on the finish — more on the colors and textures and the mood,” Huberts said. “They’re relaxed, funky, slightly messy, but fun and imaginative.”

With so many different designers, there will be plenty of variety among the collections. Each designer sewed his or her own pieces, so each will be unique.

“We’re not just a trend show,” Shahmoradian said. “A lot of places just have trend shows where the clothing is store-bought, but all of our stuff is handmade.” The show will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tonight. Tickets are \$3 or a donation of five pieces of gently used clothing to benefit the clothing drive. An after party in Lodge 1 directly following the show will feature a bar and DJs Issamu Kamide from the University of Virginia and Nolan Chao ’11.



Artist’s ‘Preservation’ takes first

By SARAH PUCKETT
The Flat Hat

As if winning first prize in the Genesis 2008 Art Contest wasn’t challenging enough for Sarah Williams ’10, she won it while adjusting to life at the College as a first-semester transfer student and working backstage on two College theater productions. Williams also found time to paint the winning piece, “Preservation.”

Williams was surprised to learn she won the contest, particularly because she entered on a bit of a whim.

“I’m taking one art class right now — 3-D foundations — and Professor Lanka mentioned it in class. Apparently it’s an annual thing they do, and being a transfer student I wasn’t familiar with it. I just thought it was a good idea,” she said.

The Genesis contest is in its 25th year and culminates in a show at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News — an important part of PFAC’s mission to promote the art community and foster artistic growth on the Peninsula. The contest

is designed for all college students in Hampton Roads, but representation this year was somewhat skewed: “There were actually only three students from William and Mary; it was mostly Christopher Newport students since they live right there,” Williams said.

Williams’s background in art began long before she arrived on campus. She grew up drawing in her free time.

“We didn’t have television, so I used my time to draw and do art. I was never involved in any sports or extracurriculars so I just sort of drew all the time.”

In middle school, Williams began working with oils. She was accepted to the Florence Academy of Art in Italy and graduated from high school early to attend.

“It was a four year program, but I went for one semester because being in Florence is kind of extravagant,” she said.

Williams cites the Dutch master Johannes



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Sarah Williams ’10 touches up one of her recent paintings. Despite being almost entirely self-taught, she recently received the top honor, the Mayor’s Art Award, at the Genesis 2008 Art Contest for her painting “Preservation.”

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CONFUSION CORNER

Stuck on the back burner

Charlotte Savino
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



With the year winding down and departments distributing awards and accolades, the campus is abuzz with pride. As an extremely jealous person, I am dealing with some of the hardest moments.

Tuesday, select other students and I met in the University Center to attend an awards ceremony. At first, I wasn’t even going to go. I received the invitation in my CSU and just figured it was open to everyone. Tuesday evening, however, I found myself being dragged to the UC to find catered food, a podium and the same 200 or so students who are always honored at such things.

I’m glad, I suppose, that I am such good friends with the movers and shakers of the College. Perhaps everyone considers themselves friends with this crowd as a virtue of their involvement and commitment to the campus. But part of me wanted to run away from the Swedish meatball chafing dish, back to the safety of my sweatpants and waiting thesis.

These award ceremonies are nothing but a disappointment. Since my middle school days, I have always convinced myself that I was totally worthy of any honor, no matter how ludicrous. Pulitzer? Yes, please; thank you. This was no different.

Everyone — and by everyone I mean celebrities — always says that receiving a nomination is the greatest honor. This is clearly a lie. Had I not been dragged by my hallmates, I would never have known I was nominated for anything — and as it is, I’m not quite sure what I was nominated for. I would not have had the twinge of self-doubt as I left the room, full of pecan squares and Gouda.

I know that all of the recipients are committed achievers and social motivators. I was even proud of myself for genuinely being proud of my friends and peers who won. I clapped sincerely and congratulated the recipients with utmost honesty, and warmth. Does that get an award? The Magnanimity Prize?

My father always talks about these shindigs as “mutual admiration societies,” and I can’t help but agree. But I know I’d win the hypocrisy prize knowing that I really, really, really wanted to be the most admired of all the mutual admirers.

I think it’s totally natural for people to want to win acknowledgement and affirmation. At least I do. I would just feel much better about myself if nobody told me I was even in the running, and then I didn’t win. I don’t want to know that I came close to anything. But maybe that’s just me being crazy.

I suppose my jealousy is a battle with my own ego; I have a simple analogy for this. We are all delicious fish at the seafood counter — I can’t blame myself if some board’s menu calls for tuna instead of halibut. Halibut is just as tasty, but different. Right? Don’t you love halibut? Come on! Okay, I’m jealous of tuna: it’s commercial and accessible and delicious.

Do you see what happens when we honor the best and brightest? It makes everyone else feel insignificant and sucky. Serves me right only being kind of great as opposed to actually fantastic. I think mediocrity would have been less detrimental to my feelings.

My English teacher in high school gave some advice to us before our class took the SAT. She told us to sing a little song before the test or anytime we were nervous. It went: “I am the greatest, I am the greatest, I am the greatest . . . yeah!” I’ve recently returned to her SAT song as a new mantra during these concluding days of the semester. I think it will do wonders; it should get a Grammy.

Charlotte Savino is a Confusion Corner columnist. She really does congratulate the winners. Seriously.

Tube Time

TV MOMENT OF THE WEEK
Teri Hatcher appeared on “American Idol” singing “Before He Cheats” after catching Carrie Underwood “cheating” with her TV-husband, James Denton



Star Sense

“Well, maybe compared to yours. Mine always showed up to custody hearings and rarely did she show her vagina in public.”
— Jimmy Kimmel, in response to Paris Hilton saying Britney Spears is a “great mother”



Addictive Vid

YouTube: “Raining McCain”
The McCain Girls perform a creepy version of the classic song
YouTube: “Dramatic Lemur”
Nothing is funnier than a little drama in the jungle

WEEKEND UPDATE

Wren 500
Michael Curtin '08 and Elijah Kelley '08 will host a stock car race on the Sunken Garden at 10 a.m. Four-person teams will race in their own cardboard stock cars. The prize will be a trophy and a gallon of milk. All proceeds will benefit the Avalon Center. **Saturday**

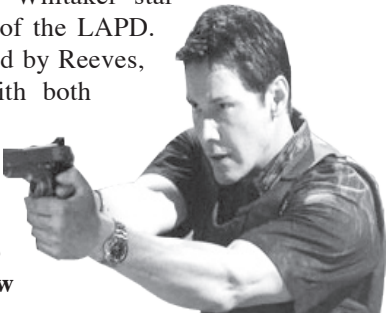


“Stix for Nix” 5K Fun Run



Help out an alum this Saturday by participating in a 5K benefiting Stix for Nix, an organization created to help Jess Nixon '03. The former field hockey player was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2006. The run will begin at 9 a.m. and continue across campus. **Saturday**

Street Kings (20th Century Fox)
Keanu Reeves and Forest Whitaker star in this film about the world of the LAPD. Detective Tom Ludlow, played by Reeves, has a hard time dealing with both his wife’s death and his accusation in the death of a fellow officer. Being questioned leads Ludlow to doubt the entire system to which he devoted his life. **New Town Cinemas Friday**



HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Love makes the world go round
Wonder what Ashlee’s been doin’? She’s talkin’ bout love! Over the weekend, boyfriend Pete Wentz popped the question while the next-up newlyweds vacationed in the windy city. Little Miss Obsessive wants to tell the bittersweet world about her L.O.V.E. with the Fall Out Boy bassist. During the weekend love-fest, Pete dropped to his knees and proposed to his girlfriend of two years. A close friend of the couple told The Sun that Ash is sporting “an amazing ring.”



Younger is better
Ever since Jennifer Aniston’s break-up with Brad Pitt, the tabloids have spent countless words speculating as to the object of her affection. Who’s better than Pitt? The dashing, younger Orlando Bloom, obsv. OK! had a field day when, rumor has it, the two met up at a charity event at Eva Longoria’s ritzy LA restaurant, Beso. The pair embraced as they said hello. They were later caught standing next to each other. Yeah, we weren’t that impressed either.



A little more personal
After the not-so-blinding success of her nude Marilyn Monroe tribute photoshoot, Lindsay Lohan is at it again. In order to recharge her career, LiLo has signed on to star in a low-budget film. According to the Daily Mail, the mean girl thinks the role — which includes full nudity — will allow her to prove herself as a “mature actress.” Good luck Linds — nothing says comeback like some cheap nudity.

— by Alice Hahn

Sophomore artist wins first prize

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Vermeer as one of her inspirations. Drawn to his affinity for playing with light and color, she uses a similar style in her own painting. “Preservation” features a single girl standing in an interior, much like many of Vermeer’s most famous works. The girl is chained to a tree that grows out of a ceramic pitcher — a simple, domestic item common in Vermeer’s work.
“It’s about the importance of preserving the

environment,” Williams said. “She’s attached to this piece of nature and she’s almost being supported by it. They’re kind of giving each other life.”
In her semester here, Williams has already accomplished a great deal. She is an artist not because she took a class that told her how to be one, but because she was interested in doing it. When asked how she learned to paint, she said, “I have all these art books in my basement and I just looked through them all the time and tried to figure out how they did it.”

PLANNING AHEAD



JACK HOHMAN: THE FLAT HAT
Members of VOX sell Plan B, emergency contraception, for \$20. The event was held yesterday to raise awareness of women’s options and give students the opportunity to prepare themselves in case of unprotected sex. The drug is sold in area drugstores for \$40 to \$50.

CCM Friendship Mass!

Want to learn about the Catholic Mass?

W&M Catholic Campus Ministry invites you to come out at 11:00 AM this Sunday and learn about the Catholic Mass by experiencing it!

People of all religions are welcome to come worship at this Friendship Mass and learn the 2,000-year-old traditions of Catholicism.

Catholic Campus Ministry is located on campus, behind Zable Stadium and the Alumni House, at 10 Harrison Avenue.

We look forward to seeing you all Sunday!

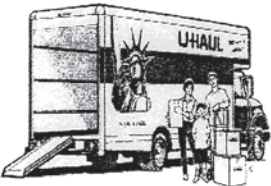
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LACROSSE
Two wins spark national ranking, individual honors

Following two wins against no. 19 James Madison University and no. 9 George Mason University, the Tribe made the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association/National poll rankings this week. The Tribe (6-6, 2-0) finds itself at no. 18, its first national ranking since the end of the 2006 regular season. Head Coach Christine Halfpenny was honored for the impressive wins by being named U.S. Lacrosse's National Coach of the Week. Freshman attacker Maggie Anderson scored four goals against Mason and picked up Division I Player of the Week honors. Freshman goalkeeper Emily Geary received the CAA's Rookie of the Week award.

FOOTBALL
Green and Gold game set for Saturday

The Tribe will host its annual Green and Gold game Saturday in Zable Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. The intra-squad scrimmage marks the finale to the team's spring practice season. There is no cost to attend the game, and it is open to the public. The team's first extended scrimmage was held March 29. The game will be a chance for the Tribe to showcase the team's hard work this spring. Senior running back DeBrian Holmes and senior wide receiver D.J. McAulay, both recovering from injuries that ended their 2007 seasons, will join senior quarterback Jake Phillips and the rest of the

WOMEN'S GOLF
Oldenkamp leads College in record-breaking outing

The Tribe shattered a number of records this week at University of North Carolina—Wilmington's Lady Seahawk Invitational, placing ninth out of 17 teams. Led by senior Erika Oldenkamp's eighth-place finish, all five College golfers broke 80 in the initial two rounds, only the third and fourth times in school history that the squad has done so. Additionally, the team's third-round score of 302 was good for fifth-best overall in the Tribe record book as the squad finished the tournament at 51 strokes over par, 19 strokes back of the tournament's winner, North Carolina State University.

—By Kevin Lonabaugh and Matt Poms

SCHEDULE

Fri., April 11

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
@ Lou Onesty/Milton Abramson Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
@ Lou Onesty/Milton Abramson Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

MEN'S TENNIS
SOUTH ALABAMA — 2 p.m.
HOWARD — 4 p.m.

LACROSSE
@ Drexel — 4 p.m.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK TECH — 7 p.m.

Sat., April 12

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
@ Lou Onesty/Milton Abramson Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.
@ Tony Waldrop UNC Invitational — Chapel Hill, N.C.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
@ Lou Onesty/Milton Abramson Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.
@ Tony Waldrop UNC Invitational — Chapel Hill, N.C.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
@ NCAA Southeast Regional — Gainesville, Fla.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK TECH — 1 p.m.
NEW YORK TECH — 4 p.m.

Sun., April 13

LACROSSE
@ Hofstra — 12 p.m.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK TECH — 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

Winslow, Tribe power past Colonials

Maliniak, bullpen team up to down George Washington, 16-1

By MATT POMS
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TRIBE 16, GW 1

After a frustrating weekend during which the Tribe split a very winnable doubleheader against Georgia State University, the College demolished George Washington University 16-1 in the squad's most dominating victory of the year.

Sophomore pitcher Cody Winslow supplied five innings of one-run ball from the mound to earn the win as the Tribe easily dismantled an overmatched George Washington side.

"I told the guys after the game I thought it was one of our most complete efforts this season," Head Coach Frank Leoni said. "I think everybody made a contribution, which was encouraging when you use quite a few guys."

Winslow initially struggled, leaving several pitches up

in the strike zone, while allowing a pair of first-inning singles as the Colonials took an early one-run lead. Senior leftfielder Greg Maliniak answered in the bottom half of the frame, taking a 3-1 pitch the opposite way over the right field fence for a grand slam to give the Tribe a comfortable 4-1 advantage.

The blast supplied all the run support Winslow needed. After allowing a second-inning single, the sophomore hit his stride, retiring the last 10 batters he faced to hold George Washington to a meager three singles over five innings. From that point on, relievers junior Jeremy Neustifter, sophomore Kevin Landry, freshman Logan Billbrough and sophomore Tyler Truxell teamed to continue the hitless streak, combining to yield only a pair of walks as each tossed a scoreless, hitless inning.

"All our pitchers did a great job, especially Cody," senior catcher Tim Park said. "He struggled the first inning but afterwards he threw strikes and that's what we really need to let our offense do the job."

The Tribe's pitching performance was bolstered by a superb defensive effort. Senior shortstop Lanny Stanfield and freshman second

baseman Derrick Osteen teamed up to provide great range in the infield, thwarting several would-be base hits.

"That's been our strongest point, whether it's Lanny, Derrick or [junior infielder James Williamson], they all make unbelievable plays up the middle and really help our pitchers out," Park said.

Junior first baseman Mike Sheridan tallied three doubles in three at-bats while Maliniak knocked in five RBIs. Every starter recorded at least one hit, as the Tribe put up 16 runs, and seven in the eighth inning.

The victory improves the College's record to 21-11 overall, and 10-7 in CAA play. Despite their third-place CAA standing, the squad remains wary of a late-season slump, making sure to take each game singularly down the stretch.

"Last year we were 10-7 in the CAA and got a little too ahead of ourselves," Park said. "We were looking more at the CAA tournament and not at the next series so we really have to take it one game at a time. We have to continue hitting the ball, playing good defense and, if we do those things, everything will end up [well]."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Senior day sweep



MILES HILDER — THE FLAT HAT

Sophomores Lauren Sabacinski and Carmen Pop won their doubles match to help the Tribe sweep Richmond 7-0 Wednesday.

Senior Megan Moulton-Levy wins final two home matches

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
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TRIBE 7, RICHMOND 0

In its final tune-up before the CAA Championship, the no. 22 Tribe (14-8, 2-0) overwhelmed the University of Richmond (7-11, 1-2) 7-0 Wednesday afternoon at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center. After six straight victories, the College has found its form and is playing its best tennis of the season.

"Overall, we played decent," Head Coach Kevin Epley said. "A couple of players played better than others. We could have gotten off to a better start in doubles, but we got the job done."

The College won all three doubles matches as well as all singles contests in straight sets.

On her second consecutive senior day, Megan Moulton-Levy, the Tribe's lone departing member, had to battle in her opening match. Down 3-4 in doubles, paired with junior Katarina Zoricic, Moulton-Levy kept her composure and guided the duo to an 8-4 triumph. Moulton-Levy and Zoricic increased the momentum in the eighth game when Moulton-Levy returned three straight Spider lob shots before Zoricic slammed a ball into the rafters to take control.

"We started off shaky," Moulton-Levy said. "It is an exciting day, we were sort of caught up in that. At one point we looked at each other and said 'Let's go,' and from then on we started playing the way we should."

The duo was named CAA doubles team of the week for the second time in a month; the tandem currently holds down no. 16 in the

ITA doubles rankings.

Sophomores Carmen Pop and Lauren Sabacinski won the quickest match, completing an 8-1 domination that brought the pair's record to 4-5 for the season. The Tribe's no. 2 doubles team of junior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec and sophomore Ragini Acharya went up 4-1 in their match before finishing off an 8-6 victory.

No. 9 Moulton-Levy started her singles match down 1-2 before surging to a 6-2, 6-1 triumph. The senior placed her shots carefully, tiring out her opponent, Pamela Duran.

"[Duran] is a [deceptively] good player with great placement," Moulton-Levy said. "It took me a second to get adjusted. I started attacking and hitting my forehand and got in to hit a lot of volleys."

Kasztelaniec gave the Tribe a 2-0 lead with a fast 6-1, 6-1 victory. Kasztelaniec played out of the fourth slot for the College and was able to over-

power Kelly Tidwell of Richmond to take the match. Epley said Kasztelaniec has recently improved her serve and forehand.

No. 114 Acharya procured the third point for the College in a 6-0, 6-2 match.

"Ragini has been playing better lately," Epley said. "She is playing with a little more attitude and is serving well and looking to attack more."

The victory is Acharya's 28th of the season.

In the second singles position, Zoricic defeated Erin Clark 6-0, 6-3, using her strong serves to win her fifth singles match in a row in straight sets.

"I think we are all starting to play better," Zoricic said. "Hopefully it will show at the CAA [championship] and moving forward to the NCAA [championship]."

Pop and junior Barbara Zidek both won their singles matches. Pop's victory was her seventh in eight tries and improved her record to 11-6 for the year.

Illustrious Career

Senior Megan Moulton-Levy closes her tenure at the College as one of the Tribe's top performers

Career doubles victories 120

Career singles victories 119

ITA All-American awards 4

Highest national doubles ranking No. 1

Highest national singles ranking No. 5



MILES HILDER — THE FLAT HAT

FROM THE SIDELINES

Take opening week trends in MLB lightly

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Opening Day this year was an especially welcome reprieve for me. Winters are never easy for baseball fans, but this one was especially brutal.

I always feel a nagging sense of emptiness after the season ends, but the heartache following the collapse of my Cleveland Indians in last fall's American League Championship Series was almost too much to bear.

Then, in December, Major League Baseball released the Mitchell Report on performance-enhancing drug use. A couple of public apologies and congressional hearings later, and I think I speak for all baseball fans when I say we are tired of the steroids/HGH saga.

Fast forward four months, and it's strange to think that we're already nearly two weeks into the season. What's even stranger is that it took the Detroit Tigers nearly that long to win a single game. I couldn't watch ESPN prior to Wednesday night without hearing the ubiquitous question: "Is it too early to start worrying about the Tigers?"

As an Indians fan, I relished the thought of the Tigers losing 162 games this season. Alas, it wasn't to be.

The point is that it's April. Making predictions on a small sample of games is utterly pointless.

Case in point: Last year, the New York Yankees went 10-14 in April. By the end of May, they were six games under .500 and 12.5 games behind the Boston Red Sox in the AL East. Experts began to write the team off, saying 2007 would feature the first Yankee-less October since 1993, but the team rallied to make the post-season.

I would have paid money to see the look on George Steinbrenner's face had that come to pass.

April isn't a month for panic if your team starts poorly. Nor is it a month for jubilation if it plays strongly out of the gate.

Every year there are surprises. If you thought the Baltimore Orioles would have the best record in baseball after seven games, you sure know how to pick 'em.

But Orioles fans should enjoy the success while they can. April is a month to celebrate the fact that your team is still legitimately in the race. It's nice to be able to claim the best record in the majors, but the team can't play so far over its head for a full 162-game season.

And just as Orioles fans should celebrate their team's good fortune, Indians fans should enjoy the Tigers' futility while it lasts. Both Baltimore and Detroit are having surprising starts, but it seems very likely that their positions in the standings will switch within a matter of weeks.

So, as much as I'd like to bank on the fact that no team has ever started the season 0-7 and made the playoffs, I have to accept that the Tigers don't have anything to worry about. Yet.

Their hitters have proven track records. They will score runs by the dozen, and they'll probably have to consider the questionable pitching staff. But the Tigers still have a very good shot at making the playoffs.

Of course, they'll have to do it by winning the wild card, because the Tribe will win the AL Central. And the World Series. In six.

That's a prediction you can take to the bank. E-mail Chase Johnson at cgjohn@wm.edu